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Governor Musgrove Announces Approval of Request to FEMA

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today his request to extend the period for federal disaster aid to include the storms that swept through Rankin County and other areas of the state on April 24 has been granted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Musgrove made the request on May 2.

“I’m glad FEMA made the right choice to extend this incident period to cover those Mississippians affected by the storms of April 24,” Musgrove said. “This decision will help the rebuilding process and give those affected by the storms a chance to get their lives back to normal.”

Federal disaster aid had already been granted for victims of tornadoes, heavy rains, flooding and damaging winds that swept through the state between April 6 and April 14. Musgrove had asked for aid to cover damage inflicted by severe weather on April 24, including a tornado that swept through the center of Brandon.

“Mississippi has had its fair share of natural disasters, and it’s important to have this assistance in place to help the people of the state,” said Musgrove.

To register for federal assistance, call 800-621-FEMA (3362). The TTD number is 800-462-7585. The phone lines are open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. The deadline for applying for federal disaster assistance is June 23, 2003. Citizens affected by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding are encouraged to call immediately to obtain eligible financial assistance before the deadline approaches.

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